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SUBJ: AGRICULTURE: NEW WHEAT PRICES ANNOUNCED

REF: LA PAZ 2806 AND PREVIOUS

1. THE LA PAZ PRESS OF MAY 12, 1973 ANNOUNCED ISSUANCE BY THE GOB OF TWO DECREES DESIGNED TO INCREASE BOLIVIAN WHEAT PRODUCTION.

2. THE FIRST DECREE INCREASES THE PRICE (PAID BY MILLERS) PER HUNDRED- WEIGHT OF WHEAT BY \$ B 30 AND STIPULATES THAT \$ B 5 OF THE INCREASE WILL BE DESTINED FOR THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL WHEAT INSTITUTE. THE SECOND DECREE, NO 10850, FIXES THE NEW PRICES (PAID BY MILLERS) AT THE FOLLOWING LEVELS: HARD WHEAT (JARAL TYPE) \$ B 110 PER HUNDREDWEIGHT; SOFT WHEAT (DOMESTIC TYPE) \$ B 100 PER HUNDREDWEIGHT AND REITERATES THAT THE GOB WILL SUBSIDIZE THE MILLERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH DECREE NO 10815 IN ORDER THAT PRICE OF BREAD REMAINS UNCHANGED.

3. COMMENT: THE NEW PRICES FOR NATIONAL WHEAT WILL BE SLIGHTLY LESS THAN THE LANDED COST OF IMPORTED WHEAT AND ARE DOUBLE THE PRICES PAID FOR DOMESTIC WHEAT ON JANUARY 1, 1973. OBSERVERS SEE THE MEASURES AS EFFECTIVE INCENTIVE FOR BOTH THE PRODUCTION AND MARKETING OF WHEAT. IT IS LIKELY THAT AS MUCH AS 8,000 HECTARES

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OF WINTER WHEAT WILL BE PLANED IN THE SAN CRUZ AREA SHORTLY FOR
HARVEST FROM AUGUST ON (RATHER THAN THE 4,000 HECTARES NOW
PROGRAMMED) FOR A MINIMUM PRODUCTION OF 8,000 TON S. SOME
OBSERVERS
PREDICT THAT DUE TO PRICE INCREASES SOMEWHAT MORE THAN THE
PREVIOUSLY EXPECTED 15,000 TONS (OF THE 60,000 TONS OF WHEAT
BOLIVIA WILL PRODUCE THIS YEAR) WILL BE MARKETED BY THE
PRODUCERS.

4. ADDITIONAL DETAILS FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM.
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